

1 then ending in a barricade about 200 feet over the ground, no
2 place to go. In a sense that's our place right now on the
3 information superhighway. We're part of a very busy local
4 inter-exchange with lots of types of traffic and vehicles and
5 users, but we end at the front of that dish.

6 And time and again during this presentation this
7 morning a suggestion has been made that there are things that
8 need to be done or the question has been asked, what we can do?
9 One answer is to implement public-switch tariff T-1 identical
10 to what's available in the southern 48. That would pave that
11 ramp and prevent it from being suspended in space as it is
12 right now.

13 Now, I'm not castigating my colleagues and peers in the
14 inter-exchange business in Alaska, we work together on lots of
15 projects, we don't always agree. I would take issue with some
16 of the things Mr. Jones said on behalf of GCI earlier relative
17 to the nature of preparedness and functionality in local
18 communities. I think I've described that we're a little bit
19 more advanced and a little less confused than maybe he did.

20 I think a good example of what I'm talking about is the
21 type of evolution that's taken place at least one of the trade
22 shows, Telecomm, which takes place in San Jose and not Anaheim.

23 MS. ELLIOTT: One more minute, sir.

24 MR. FAUSKE: Okay. I think they're at Telecomm 15.
25 When I first started going to Telecomm, you were always asked

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1 by vendors what kind of network have you built. The vendors in
2 the last five years or four years never asked that question,
3 they assume you have a path for their telehealth, education,
4 telecommunicating and telework products.

5 Thank you.

6 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you, Mr. Fauske. Commissioner
7 Chong.

8 MS. CHONG: So how can we help you get the network
9 built?

10 MR. FAUSKE: Well, I think the entire Alaska
11 telecommunication community and the FCC need to expedite the
12 delivery of that piece of our network, the inter-exchange path,
13 at least at the T-1 level or fractional T-1 level so that it's
14 a switch to public tariff service.

15 Now, I realize that's easy to say and hard to do and
16 may require the placement of an additional or new satellite in
17 the fairly near future in order to accommodate data voice
18 traffic with transponders available for higher band width
19 service. But it's certainly something that is being done, has
20 been done and can be done again and I think an acceptable cost
21 with cooperative effort.

22 MS. CHONG: Thank you very much.

23 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you, Commissioner Chong. Chairman
24 Cotten?

25 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Continue on.

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1 MS. ELLIOTT: All right. I'd like to introduce Gene
2 Kaplanis, who is the Chief Information Officer at Columbia
3 Alaska Regional Hospital and will speak to telemedicine today.

4 MR. KAPLANIS: Well, in my position I'm -- as third in
5 line on telemedicine, that's a tough act to follow, Fred and
6 Kathe have been involved in this a long time and have pretty
7 thoroughly given you an overview of what's going on. I'm just
8 going to do a simple wrap-up on what they've said.

9 Health care to rural Alaska is a critical need. I mean
10 that's not a secret to anyone. The size of the community
11 should not dictate the availability and the quality of the
12 health care to that community. We're all -- we should all have
13 quality health care. Do I believe we can put a \$400,000 a year
14 radiologist somewhere or a heart specialist in a community of a
15 hundred people, well, that's pretty ridiculous. But we need to
16 have people who are remotely able to connect and address those
17 needs and be the eyes, ears, while the hands on the other end
18 of that communication link follow those instructions.

19 Today we're doing a lot of that with store and forward
20 technology. It has some advantages. It's as reasonably cost
21 as anything we've got. However, we need to look at interactive
22 type modes. These people on the other end need to be able to
23 have a stethoscope to listen to the heart. We talked a minute
24 ago about having to get someone in in a critical time. Without
25 listening to that heartbeat, without seeing and knowing what's

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1 going on with that patient, it's a hard decision. The
2 criticality of that transport is very important. That's where
3 telemedicine comes in. And a lot of time those people can, in
4 fact, be treated on site or at least taken care of to that
5 point.

6 MS. CHONG: To what extent do you currently have in
7 interactive capability, do you have it anywhere right now? Any
8 three of the telemed people can answer.

9 MR. PEARCE: Yeah, Commissioner, Elmendorf lit up a
10 five site program, the third medical group. And the technology
11 and the throughput was not the problem. The problem, as has
12 been encountered in other telemedicine projects, was scheduling
13 and that these are still rather bizarre contrivances, big boxes
14 and the health care practitioners did not particularly like
15 moving out of their office down to the hall into a special room
16 and trying to do their job, so Elmendorf shut that down after
17 about six months and turned their attention to store and
18 forward using MDTV software and some ISDN capability that's
19 being delivered to them through FDS-2000.

20 MR. KAPLANIS: As I said, Fred and Kathe are a tough
21 act to follow. The cost of the sources and the level of
22 connectivity is limited. We've said that several times. The
23 equipment is cost prohibitive at this time that would have to
24 be, on both ends, again, for a small community. Remote health
25 care workers need the support of the specialist. In most cases

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1 up to a thousand miles away or at best hundreds of miles away.
2 In some respects they end up being similar to a third world
3 country with the lack of communication and the medical care.
4 These concerns have all been voiced by most everyone here in
5 one form or another. So my repeating what they said would be
6 useless. But as an overview, I think that we need to address
7 the communications issue as outlined by the other folks and get
8 it in there as quickly as we can to support the needs of this
9 state. The magnitude and the size of the state is staggering.
10 And you almost have to travel it to get that feel.

11 MS. CHONG: All I know is I was on the plane an awful
12 long time just getting up here.

13 MR. KAPLANIS: Did you notice as you looked down how
14 little you saw?

15 MS. CHONG: I sure did. All I saw was mostly
16 mountains.

17 MR. KAPLANIS: And that's my point. And the farther
18 north you go, the more and more sparse. Thank you.

19 MS. CHONG: Thank you. I have no questions.

20 MS. ELLIOTT: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Chong.
21 Chairman Cotten.

22 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Thank you, Susan, even though we are
23 almost out of time I did want to recognize one other person who
24 represents that Alaska area Native Health Service. And,
25 unfortunately, we weren't able to include everyone that wanted

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1 to be or should have been on the panel, but Richard Hall, if
2 you'd like to come forward and maybe limit it to just a couple
3 of minutes of comments or if you have a question for
4 Commissioner Chong that would be appropriate as well.

5 MR. HALL: Mr. Monohan said that he's not accustomed to
6 it and he got to prepare ahead of time. But I did make a
7 couple notes that I did want to address to you just to note
8 about the Native Health Services health care system that we
9 have here.

10 First we are members, many of the Native corporations
11 and the Indian health service are members of the Alaska
12 Telemedicine project and work with all the other members.
13 Native Health Service had a long history of telemedicines,
14 since ATS-1 and ATS-6 projects back in the '70s and have been
15 on many trials over the year, some of which -- or most of which
16 have died eventually due to a lack of infrastructure or a lack
17 of funds. The Alaska health network includes the Alaska Native
18 Health Board which represents the Native corporations, the
19 independent regional corporations and the Indian Health
20 Service.

21 We as a group provide health care to 192 of the
22 communities that have been mentioned this morning. Obviously
23 mostly rural since someone said there's only 40 locations over
24 a thousand people, most of our locations are extremely rural.
25 Our policy has been to make it happen with whatever technology

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1 and funds are available. We also have teleradiology projects
2 at six sites. We have, Fred mentioned the RPMS, Resource and
3 Patient Management System which is a health record system,
4 written originally by the VA, public made software borrowed, so
5 again, we'll use what we can for the best cost. We have this
6 running in 41 of those locations around the state.

7 We now have a system where we're integrating the data
8 amongst those to provide health care so that if someone has --
9 encounters a multiple facilities we can share that information
10 and that's under development and installation right now. We're
11 basically running at those locations, either XI-25 or dial-up
12 lines, depending on what the best is that's available and we're
13 looking forward to upgrading the prime relay.

14 I did want to mention the plan that we had put in, Fred
15 mentioned before, to the National Library of Medicine that
16 would put a -- setup 25 locations in the state for a trial
17 which would include store and forward imaging that everyone has
18 talked about which is technically doable right now at those
19 locations. Electronic health data using the community health
20 aid information network developed in Nome as well as the RPMS,
21 also including research data basis and clinical decision
22 support, all of which we feel are doable, obviously at low
23 speeds because we don't have a high speed.

24 Final point, three things that I see that we -- that
25 are hindrances to us, first is the quality of the lines.

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1 Recently just trying to connect teleradiology to Kotzebue, we
2 tried 17 times to connect over dedicated line. The quality is
3 not always there. Speed of the lines to the villages we're
4 often doing 1,200, 2,400 is the best that you can do.
5 Obviously that's not going to allow a lot of throughput. And
6 finally the cost of connections. We're not a demonstration
7 project for our teleradiology, we pay for those services. We
8 do it to save money. Because that means people we don't have
9 to transport.

10 Last summer in a six week period we effectively saved
11 four medivac's at the tune of \$12,000 or whatever it would cost
12 for a standard medivac. You got to realize in a small plane
13 you're taking up the whole plane from a village, you got to put
14 in nine seats to lay that stretcher out, it is expensive. And
15 so we see it as a cost saving measure. And the bottom line is
16 we could use whatever is available.

17 MS. CHONG: For someone who wasn't prepared, that was
18 excellent. I'm sorry, could you.....

19 MR. HALL: I had a lot of prompting from my cohorts
20 during the last half hour.

21 MS. CHONG: Could you repeat your name for me so I
22 could write this down?

23 MR. HALL: Richard Hall.

24 MS. CHONG: Thank you. I appreciate your testimony,
25 Mr. Hall.

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1 MR. HALL: And I'd like to leave you a copy of the
2 National Library of Medicine Plan.

3 MS. CHONG: That'd be wonderful.

4 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: I didn't mean to overlook, but since
5 Mr. Medinger wasn't in the room, I thought he might not be
6 here. But I'm told he may be listening in and had anticipated
7 delivering his remarks through conference call hookup. So if
8 Mr. Medinger is on line, I suppose the moderator could, at this
9 point, introduce him.

10 MS. ELLIOTT: I hope you are there, Bob, are you?

11 MR. MEDINGER: Yes, I am, can you hear me?

12 MS. ELLIOTT: Yes. Let me just introduce you. This is
13 Robert Medinger, the Chair of the Distance Delivery Consortium.
14 Technology Assisted Instruction Media Center at the Lower
15 Kuskokwim School District out in Bethel Alaska. Welcome Bob.

16 MR. MEDINGER: Cami, Hello from Southwest Alaska.
17 (Indiscernible - line cuts out) kind of a big benefit to why
18 we're (indiscernible - line cuts out). I am the administrator
19 in charge of technology for the Lower Kuskokwim School
20 District. We are the largest rural district in Alaska
21 (indiscernible - line cuts out) 23 villages in an area the size
22 of Oregon. I'm also the chairman of the Distance Delivery
23 Consortium. We are a group together for five years and we
24 represent 66 (indiscernible - line cuts out) school districts.
25 The Bethel branch of the university, the KYUK PBS TV station

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1 here, the Yukon (indiscernible - line cuts out) Corporation and
2 additional members that are not (indiscernible - line cuts out)
3 but integral to our group, that's AT&T Alascom and Unicom Phone
4 Company. I have been out here 18 years, 12 of which as a
5 teacher and principal in these very villages we're talking
6 about. Our Yupik people in our region still speak their Native
7 language, it's very strong and subsistence is truly a real way
8 of life that our people are using every day.

9 Our villages have only recently really received
10 electricity, TV and telephones in the last eight to 25 years.
11 As a matter-of-fact, at my first village we had none of the
12 above. In that period of time all of these villages also have
13 now received comprehensive K-12 schools and all of mine and
14 most of our regions have quite extensive computer installations
15 and nearly all of mine have internet networks installed and we
16 do have trained technicians in all of our schools.

17 Our problem, however, is the telecomm link outside of
18 those schools, there is no link basically. I've been
19 attempting to up that infrastructure, I mean we've whined about
20 it. Many of the people in that room have heard me testify for
21 the last 10 years. And we've gone after it, we haven't
22 (indiscernible - line cuts out) we've gone after every grant
23 we can. We have been awarded over 1.3 million dollars to do
24 these upgrades in cooperation with the phone companies and the
25 deployment has started. We hope to have them completed in the

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1 next two years, but I want to share with you something that I
2 think's critical. And this was filed as a position statement
3 by our group on the Telecomm Act. And it's possible,
4 Commissioner, you may have it in front of you, I don't know if
5 they got a copy to you or not.

6 Even after all of these grants and all of the things
7 that we're going to do to try to improve it, please listen to
8 these numbers and I'm going to quote from that statement. An
9 average telephone or modem call to one of the major urban
10 communities in Anchorage or Fairbanks or Juneau from our
11 villages costs approximately \$28 an hour prime time. This is
12 the nearest pipeline to the internet and that average
13 (indiscernible - line cuts out) rate is 1,200 to 2,400 if we
14 can do it. And believe me, I have gifted technicians that have
15 done everything in the world to push it. In contrast the
16 current based standard for urban 12 school is a 56 KB direct
17 connect line to the internet and for urban health care
18 providers, their base is now 384 Killabits. Juneau has
19 installed 56 KBs to all of their schools, they've paid \$17,000
20 for that total. That comes out for their 800 computers and
21 their 5,000 students to \$21 per computer for the year to
22 connect. Even in all of our long range plan, even in AT&T's
23 plans that we have been told, there is no plan that gets 56 KB
24 to an example (indiscernible - line cuts out), if there was --
25 if there was technically a way to do it, the tariff rates

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1 they've provided to us would charge that school of 40 children
2 \$17,000 for a year or \$680 per one computer.

3 Okay, now, the grant that I'm talking about, the NTIA
4 TIAP grant we got, we got a \$733,000 grant working with these
5 phone companies. After we get it deployed, what we will have
6 is three local modems in each village that will give us
7 somewhere between 9,600 and 14.4 connection to the internet or
8 to the information (indiscernible - line cuts out). That's
9 going to cost us -- that means we can have up to two or three
10 computers simultaneously per village to connect. The
11 infrastructure building will actually cost us over \$5,000 per
12 computer to get that connection at 96 14.4, that's to get the
13 connection at all, which we don't even have. (Indiscernible -
14 line cuts out) getting any connection. Then once it's in, once
15 we have it, it will be costing us for four hours a day to get
16 one computer one, these reduced (indiscernible - line cuts out)
17 approximately \$7,200 a year. The comparison is then, if you're
18 following all this, in Juneau a student on a computer, it's
19 going to cost their district \$21 a year for them to connect.
20 If we ever got a 56 KB, it's going to cost us \$680 per
21 computer, even after we deploy our grant and we finally have a
22 connection that we're thrilled for, one computer for four hours
23 a day will cost one of my schools \$7,200. That's
24 (indiscernible - line cuts out) times higher a student than in
25 Juneau. You know, these are real numbers. These were verified

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1 with AT&T and even, you know, after the grant that's what we're
2 going to get.

3 What it comes down is equity, you know, and opportunity
4 for our rural and mostly Native population. The population
5 obviously and you've been through it this morning is, you know,
6 who builds the infrastructure, who pays for it, then what's the
7 telecomm charges and who pays for it. (Indiscernible - line
8 cuts out) my estimation there is only one, it's got to be
9 universal service, there's got to be subsidies. I don't know
10 how else it could be done. We need it built, we needed a
11 (indiscernible - line cuts out) we need it as soon as possible.
12 We've got out buildings ready to go, they've been ready to go.
13 We've spent a lot of money, we know what we're doing. You
14 know, we need a level playing field. I'm saying though, if
15 there's one thing I can share with you after having lived in
16 the villages for many years and getting to know our people out
17 here very well, it's that as these technologies from
18 snowmachines to (indiscernible - line cuts out) to, you know,
19 you name it, have come into our region, I am absolutely amazed
20 at our people's ability to adapt to those technological
21 advances and just apply it right to where it needs to be
22 applied, to use it and to get maximum benefits from it.

23 And, I'd just again like to say, please don't
24 underestimate the abilities of our people out here and our
25 capabilities. All we really want is the chance to get on that

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1 pipeline for its medical, educational and economic
2 (indiscernible - line cuts out)

3 MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you, Mr. Medinger, you provided a
4 very good opportunity for Commissioner Chong to see the line
5 speeds and the quality of telecommunications that we sometimes
6 enjoy in Alaska. Questions for Mr. Medinger.

7 MS. CHONG: Mr. Medinger, we had a little bit of
8 transmission problem here and there, especially in some of your
9 very good statistics. I'm hoping that you can send to me what
10 you just said in a written form, if possible, so that I can
11 include it in the record.

12 MR. MEDINGER: Yes, I can. The comments I made I do
13 have written (indiscernible - line cuts out) telecomm statement
14 that we filed that has all these statistics, I believe some of
15 the APUC people there have it in their hands. If not, I can
16 get you a copy.

17 MS. CHONG: I'm sure I can get one here. Chairman
18 Cotten is nodding. Thank you very much, that was very helpful.

19 MR. MEDINGER: Thank you.

20 MS. ELLIOTT: We'll turn it over to Chairman Cotten.

21 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: All right. Well, thank you, Susan
22 for an excellent job of moderating this panel. And certainly
23 from the Commission, thank you to the members of the panel for
24 the time you devoted to this and the information that you've
25 given to us and to Commissioner Chong.

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1 Before we close the meeting and I'll ask Commissioner
2 Chong to make some closing remarks if she'd like to and maybe
3 tell us a little bit about what else she's going to be planning
4 -- involved with in Alaska. But first I'll ask our
5 Commissioners if there are any remarks they'd like to make in
6 closing. Mr. Cook.

7 COMMISSIONER COOK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought
8 Bob Medinger did an absolutely outstanding job bringing forth
9 some of the problems that, at least, tele-education has. I
10 think all our members on telemedicine did equally as well. I
11 have to underscore the problems we have with infrastructure
12 here, not only with Bob Medinger's presentation and the
13 difficulty in understanding it, but also Superintendent Darryl
14 Johnson from the Yukon Flats district.

15 I had anticipated him being here just to underscore
16 some of the infrastructure problems we had. Yesterday Fort
17 Yukon had their generators shut down for maintenance as a
18 consequence it apparently turned off most of the phones out in
19 Fort Yukon and there was no way to communicate with him on
20 whether he was coming or not. We called the airline and found
21 out he had reservations, but coming from Fort Yukon, apparently
22 isn't always as for sure as coming from Washington, D.C. But,
23 nevertheless, I think that you have, at least, seen some aspect
24 of difficulties we anticipate -- or endure here with the
25 structure we have. And I would like to just say, thank you

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1 very much, for your coming and also for Senator Stevens
2 prodding you to come up. I hope you get to enjoy some of
3 Alaska's hospitality as well as endure some of our complaints.

4 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Commissioner Ornquist, remarks?

5 COMMISSIONER ORNQUIST: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
6 would also like to thank Commissioner Chong for her journey up
7 to Alaska. And I would like to thank the panel members for
8 being here today and giving us a very good, I think, in many
9 cases eloquent discussion about some of the problems that we
10 face and also some of the accomplishments maybe we have
11 attained that deserve some applause.

12 The only thing that I can think of that I would like to
13 pass along as a reminder is that no matter what kind of
14 regulations and rules we come up from a central point, such as
15 Washington D.C. or Anchorage, Alaska, we have a very difficult
16 time addressing all the needs of the extremely weak areas of
17 this nation, even of this state and sometimes those rules leave
18 out both ends, the people who have a lot, the people who have
19 very little. I hope that whatever rules we come up with and
20 whatever market place and structure we finally construct, we
21 have a way to address those needs. If we have a universal
22 service subsidy program of some type and are using proxy that
23 haven't considered that, then we're going to have pockets in a
24 nation that we'll never have and never enter into the global
25 economy that we all foresee. It's a large task. I believe

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1 some very capable and competent people addressing it. Again,
2 thank you for coming up and giving some of your time.

3 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Commissioner Hanley.

4 COMMISSIONER HANLEY: Just quickly, thank you so much,
5 Commissioner Chong for being here. And I particularly want to
6 thank each member of both panels because I think they have done
7 so-much better than any one of us here at this table could do
8 in helping Commissioner Chong understand the very unique
9 characteristics of Alaska, so thank you all very much.

10 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Thank you. Commissioner Shröer.

11 COMMISSIONER SHRÖER: I, too, would like to add my
12 thanks to Commissioner Chong and to the panels for your
13 presentations. I would like to say that we at the APUC, we're
14 working within these problems, your input is absolutely
15 necessary even though sometimes we don't act that way. Please
16 give us your input so that we can make the proper decisions.
17 Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: And quickly if I can do the credits
19 here. We want to thank Prime Cable for broadcasting this
20 meeting. And thank the Alaska Cablevision Network for --
21 apparently there's going to be a later broadcast. And the
22 University of Alaska Fairbanks provided the teleconference link
23 for those that listened into the meeting. And again, my thanks
24 to the panel, Tcm for your inspiration to generate dialogue
25 here among the panel as well. And we can close out today's

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1 meeting with whatever remarks you'd like to close with.

2 MS. CHONG: Very quickly, I first wanted to give
3 everybody the schedule of the universal service proceeding at
4 the Commission if you don't know it. The joint board is
5 currently working on universal service issues. We've received
6 the comments and the reply comments and we're in the process of
7 reading them and beginning very substantive discussions of
8 where we will go with our policy. And we have already held, I
9 think it was four public meetings on various universal service
10 issues where we had panelists come before us and testify and
11 each commissioner, either federal or state or the consumer
12 advocate had chances to ask questions of the panelists much
13 like I was asking questions today of the panelists here.

14 The joint board will be putting out its recommended
15 decision on November 8th of this year and the FCC will put out
16 its final recommendation no later than May 8th of 1997, that's
17 next year. And those dates are set by statute and we have no
18 intention of missing any of those dates. I wanted to encourage
19 anybody that's here that's interested in participating in the
20 proceeding, even if you've missed the official deadlines, I
21 welcome letters sent to us and all you need to do is write
22 universal service proceeding on the re line and it will be put
23 into the record and if you would please send a copy to me. I'm
24 particularly interested in the needs of Alaska and I would like
25 to see anything that you file and so make sure you send it to

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1 my office too.

2 Finally, I wanted to address one last issue, there's
3 been lots of discussion of very high rates up here in Alaska.
4 The statute requires discounted rates for tele-education
5 applications and I wanted to tell you that we are committed to
6 getting those rates down for the schools. We also have a
7 reasonably comparable standard under the statute for
8 telemedicine and that means you look at the rural rates and the
9 urban rates and you get the rural rates down to at least the
10 urban rates and we also intend to get that accomplished. I
11 think this will help some of the problems that I've heard here
12 today and we will do that.

13 There was some interest expressed in what I'm doing
14 next, I am going out to Dillingham to look at some earth
15 satellite stations out there and get a sense of what it's like
16 in the more rural areas as opposed to I've just seen Anchorage
17 so far. And I'm also headed to the Matanuska, I hope I said
18 that right, to the burn area to take a look at the area down
19 there and some of the challenges of the rural teleco servicing
20 that and also to look at the disaster area and see if there's
21 any way we could have helped in those types of situations.

22 The Commission -- this is just a one second thing, the
23 Commission is looking right now at improving our emergency
24 communication system on a nationwide basis. We have an
25 advisory committee that will be coming back in September to

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1 look into setting aside specific spectrum just for emergency
2 communication for local, state and federal emergency units for
3 things like large disasters or bombs or some other catastrophic
4 occurrence. And so you should be aware that we are doing that
5 and that would, of course, extend to Alaska also.

6 Finally, I wanted to add my thanks to my hosts at the
7 APUC and to all the excellent panelists that came here today
8 and gave me a tremendous insight on what is going on here in
9 Alaska. I also wanted to thank the other companies that I'm
10 meeting with and the associations in the next few days. I hope
11 to bring all this information back and to share it with my
12 colleagues so that we all have a better understanding of what
13 the situation is here and we can do something about it and
14 help. Everybody has been absolutely wonderful, the
15 hospitality's been terrific. I've heard about the Alaska
16 hospitality and there's no question that it's true and I'm
17 experiencing it. Thank you all for coming. I appreciate this
18 special meeting called for me and all the accommodations made
19 for my schedule and I appreciate it. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN COTTEN: Thank you also to the members of the
21 public who became the audience and we're adjourned.

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23 (Hearing recessed - 12:23 p.m.)

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